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**CONVICTION IN JAILHOUSE PLOT TO HIRE “HITMAN” TO
MURDER PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY POLICE OFFICER**

Greenbelt, Maryland - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Alan Beaver Way, age 40, of Capitol Heights, Maryland, was convicted today by a federal jury on all three counts of the Indictment for his role in a plot to hire a “hitman” to murder a Prince George’s County police officer who was serving on a federal task force. After three hours of deliberation, the jury unanimously found Way guilty of conspiracy to murder a federal officer, attempted murder and solicitation to commit a crime of violence.

Evidence presented during the three day trial established that, while he was held in the Prince George’s County Detention Center on pending federal narcotics and firearm charges, Way attempted to arrange for the murder of the Prince George’s County police officer he believed was responsible for his arrest. After the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s “Safe Streets” Task Force obtained information that Way was seeking to hire a “hitman” to kill the officer, an undercover officer was placed in a nearby cell. Way solicited the undercover officer to perform the “hit”, giving him an address Way believed was the home of the targeted police officer. Testifying at trial, Way admitted

that he was angry with the officer and provided the address to the undercover officer, but denied that he intended for a murder to take place.

Way faces a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. Sentencing is scheduled for October 20, 2003.

Way's girlfriend, Pamela Frye, was convicted last December for her role in aiding Way in the scheme by placing numerous three-way telephone calls connecting Way and the undercover officer and meeting the undercover officer to accept \$2,000 in payment for the intended victim's home address. Frye was sentenced by Judge Deborah K. Chasanow to serve 88 months in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Drug Enforcement Administration and Prince George's County Police Department, and was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys James M. Trusty and Donna C. Sanger.